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The New Ruse Bridge

1. The new international bridge between Ruse, Bulgaria, and Giurgiu, Rumania, is in an advanced stage of construction. This bridge is located three or four kilometers northeast of Ruse at a point where the Danube River has a width of 1,300-1,400 meters. As is known, Bulgaria and Rumania each started work on their respective sides of the river.
2. On the Bulgarian side, the construction of the pylons has been completed. The work of mounting the metal structure has been started and is still under way.

[REDACTED] from the point where civilian traffic is stopped in the construction area [REDACTED] the metal structure on the Bulgarian side has already been assembled and varnished with minium, while [REDACTED] nothing on the Rumanian side.

3. [REDACTED] the construction is to be completed and the bridge is to be opened to traffic in 1954.

New Bridge at Vidin (Planned)

4. Plans are being drawn up for a bridge to connect Vidin, Bulgaria, and Calafat, Rumania. The bridge is to bear both rail and road traffic. [REDACTED]

Ferry Service at Vidin

5. The Danube ferry service between Vidin and Calafat continues regularly. During the winter the large-tonnage ship service is suspended and the route is followed only by small-tonnage ships.

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